

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated April 22, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 2, and 8 have been amended and claim 7 has been canceled. New claims 11-15 have been added. Claims 1-6 and 8-15 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicants' Related Art (hereinafter "*ARA*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,852,550 to *Majid et al.* (hereinafter "*Majid*"). Claim 7 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection is moot. With respect to claims 1-6 and 8-10, the Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

As required in Chapter 2143.03 of the M.P.E.P., in order to "establish *prima facie* obviousness of the claimed invention, all the limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art." The Applicants respectfully submit that neither the *ARA* nor *Majid*, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest each and every element recited in claims 1-6 and 8-10. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite a power supply comprising, among other features, a second power converter having "at least two power taps." As correctly pointed out in the Office Action, the *ARA* does not disclose a second power converter. *See e.g.*, the Office Action at page 2. Similarly, *Majid* fails to disclose a power converter which includes a power tap. Instead, *Majid* discloses complex circuitry which does not include a power tap as recited. Accordingly, neither the *ARA* nor *Majid*, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest all the features recited in claim 1 and the claim is allowable over the cited references. Similarly,

claims 2-6, and 8-10, which depend from claim 1, are also patentable for at least the same reasons and the Applicants request that the rejection of claims 1-6, 8, and 10 be withdrawn.

In addition, claim 9 recites a power supply comprising, among other features, “a feedback circuit connected between the tapped output and an input of the transformer.” Neither the *ARA* nor *Majid*, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest this feature. More specifically, neither of the references disclose or suggest a transformer having a tapped output. Thus, the cited references cannot disclose a feedback circuit connected between the tapped output and an input of the transformer, as recited in claim 9. The Applicants submit that claim 9 is allowable over the cited references for this additional reason and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicant’s representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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